

UIRA MEMBERSHIP FAQs

Who's eligible to join UIRA?

- ◆ UI faculty or staff retirees and anyone in phased retirement. Retirees from other universities are welcome.
- ◆ Any spouse or domestic partner of a retired or deceased faculty or staff member.
- ◆ Anyone with present or previous UI ties can join as an associate member (non-voting, non-office holding, same dues).

What about dues?

The first-year is free for new retirees and for spouses/domestic partners. After that, dues are \$10 for each person each year or \$25 per person for three years.

How do I join UIRA?

Just fill out and submit a membership form and, if required, pay dues.

Where do I find a membership form?

uira.org.uiowa.edu



UIRA members meet and learn about Joan Schnabel's turkey vulture Gonzo

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the University of Iowa Retirees Association is to support the interests and welfare of retired University of Iowa faculty and staff and their spouses, domestic partners, widows or widowers. We help members keep in touch with each other and with the social and intellectual life of the University through monthly programs, special events, tours, special interest groups and newsletters. UIRA has endowed a scholarship fund that provides scholarships to UI undergrad students each year. More than 700 retirees and their spouses or domestic partners belong to the UIRA.



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RETIREES
ASSOCIATION**

*Your network in
retirement*

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BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO UIRA

UIRA members stay informed and connected to the university and community through regular program activities and the *Gray Hawk* newsletter. In addition, UIRA offers a members-only flu vaccination clinic and a University Benefits session that explains the insurance options that UI offers retirees.

UIRA's website maintains a comprehensive list of perks and discounts available to UI retirees. Details about each of the following can be found on UIRA's website: uira.org.uiowa.edu.

- ◆ Libraries
- ◆ Recreational Services
- ◆ Information Technology Services
- ◆ Discount Programs
- ◆ National Car Rental Program
- ◆ News about UI
- ◆ Star Registry (for volunteers)

HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE

Dr. Arthur Canter, co-founder and first president of UIRA, insisted that membership be open to both faculty *and* staff (unlike some faculty-only associations in the Big 10).



CONNECTING TO UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

UIRA organizes a wide variety of monthly activities for members, including special speakers from the university and community, tours, an annual spring picnic and an annual business meeting and luncheon.

Topics of programs have ranged from Iowa raptors to automated driving to healthcare to campus history. (A complete list of programs, past and present, is on our website.) UIRA recognizes outstanding service by our members to the University and community and awards two \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students each year. UIRA also holds a Travel Photo Contest, sponsored by Hills Bank & Trust.



Past UIRA Photo Contest Winners
Photo Contest Gallery: uira.shutterfly.com/

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

UIRA officers, elected at the annual spring business meeting, include president, president-elect, past president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor and six directors at-large. The Board meets monthly. Meeting minutes, along with issues of *The Gray Hawk* newsletter, a photo gallery, news and announcements, Bylaws, a history of UIRA, can be found at on the UIRA website



UIRA tradition—the year-end picnic

BIG TEN RETIREES ASSOCIATION

UIRA belongs to the Big Ten Retirees Association. Since its first meeting in 1992 at Ohio State, the group meets annually at the campus of a member institution. UIRA served as host in 1999 and 2009 and will host again in 2020.